

YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 20, 2015

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Yadkin, State of North Carolina, met in Regular Session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Yadkin County Human Services Building located at 217 East Willow Street, Yadkinville, NC on April 20, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Present were:

Chairman Kevin Austin
Vice Chairman David Moxley
Commissioner Gilbert Hemric

Absent were:

Commissioner Marion Welborn
Commissioner Frank Zachary

Staff present: County Attorney, Ed Powell; County Manager/Finance Officer, Lisa Hughes; and Clerk to the Board, Tanya Gentry.

INVOCATION given by Chairman Austin.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Austin at 7:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Yadkinville Elementary School students: Megan Beckham, Rachel Gillenwater, Taylor St. Onge.

ADJUSTMENTS TO/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Hemric second.

Vote: 3/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Brittain and Leshia Hunter addressed the Board. They ride the bus to Winston-Salem regularly and they have heard that the route is going to be eliminated. They know others who ride the bus that don't have any other means of transportation. It is a great service that helps the citizens out a lot. They came to plead their case and ask the Board to do what they can to try and keep the bus running if at all possible. Typically the Commissioners don't respond to issues brought up during Public Comments but an exception was made tonight. Chairman Austin, who is a member of the PART Board, said this was the first he has heard of this. He will ask PART about the route.

Chairman Austin closed the Public Comments at 7:05pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 19, 2015 Recessed and Closed Session Minutes were reviewed. The March 30, 2015 Joint, Recessed, and Closed Session Minutes were reviewed. **Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to approve all five sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Hemric second.**

Vote: 3/0.

REPORTS/REQUESTS OF THE BOARD

StormReady County Accreditation

North Carolina Emergency Management started an initiative to get all counties accredited as a StormReady County by the National Weather Service. Yadkin County Emergency Services has qualified Yadkin County for the accreditation. Chris Bolden, who recently completed his bachelor's degree in Emergency Management, headed up the project and received assistance from Keith Vestal and James Collins. Chris Bolden did a great job. Dennis Hancock, our areas State Emergency Management Coordinator, and Phil Hysell, of the National Weather Service, were present. Phil Hysell addressed the Board. Yadkin County is

the 52nd county in North Carolina to achieve this accreditation. StormReady is a voluntary program that helps to better prepare communities for hazardous weather and flooding. To be recognized as StormReady a county has to maintain a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center; have more than one way to receive National Weather Service warnings and to alert the public; be able to monitor local weather and flood conditions; conduct community preparedness programs; and ensure hazardous weather and flooding are addressed in formal emergency management plans. Being StormReady means faster warnings and more preparedness which saves lives. Phil Hysell presented Dennis Hancock, James Collins, Keith Vestal, and Chris Bolden with certificates. A StormReady sign was also presented to be displayed in the County.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hemric made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Vice Chairman Moxley second.

Vote: 3/0.

The Consent Agenda items that were approved by the Board are as follows:

Soil & Water Budget Amendment

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	New Budget
Equipment	1054960-56010	18,600	(3,500)	15,100
Travel	1054960-54010	1,200	(598)	602
Salary	1054960-51010	112,920	3,000	115,920
Social Security	1054960-51300	7,025	298	7,323
Medicare	1054960-51310	1,646	67	1,713
Retirement	1054960-51330	8,097	380	8,477
401K	1054960-51360	1,129	353	1,482

Transfer of funds needed to cover salary and salary related costs for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Tax Adjustments & Refunds for March of 2015

The Tax Office submitted the tax adjustments and refunds for the month of March for the Board of Commissioners to review and approve. The Board approved the presented adjustments and refunds for the month of March 2015.

Piedmont Biomedical Contract

Piedmont Biomedical provides maintenance services for the autoclave machine in the Medical Clinic. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings or actions to set a public hearing.

BOARD ACTION

Resolution Discouraging Release of Balloons

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. A lot of times people think that releasing balloons is a fun and pretty thing to do but there is a negative sign to it. When the balloons fall back to earth they pose a danger to the environment and to wildlife. County Manager Hughes read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR YADKIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA DISCOURAGING THE USE OF BALLOON RELEASES

WHEREAS, many people and business utilize balloon releases to decorate, celebrate, memorialize and advertise; and

WHEREAS, while some balloons burst, others gradually deflate and fall back to earth; and

WHEREAS, balloons and balloon pieces found on the beaches have tripled in the last 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the release of balloons poses a danger and nuisance to the environment; and

WHEREAS, balloons hurt and kill cows, dogs, sheep, birds, and other animals by blocking the digestive track and causing the animal to slowly starve to death; and

WHEREAS, animals can become entangled in the balloon and its ribbon making the animals unable to move or eat; and

WHEREAS, there are alternatives to the release of balloons such as flags, banners, garden spinners, pinwheels and planting a tree.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Yadkin, North Carolina that citizens and businesses are discouraged from the release of balloons and are encouraged to use alternatives that are more environmental friendly and safer for animals.

ADOPTED this 20th day of April, 2015.

Some states, cities, and even countries have laws against the release of balloons. **Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to adopt the resolution discouraging the release of balloons and encouraging alternatives. Commissioner Hemric second.**

Vote: 3/0.

Budget Amendments for Group Insurance

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. Previously some budget amendments have been approved by the Board to transfer funds that are needed to cover this fiscal year's insurance claim costs. Not all of the departments have been able to transfer sufficient funds into their Group Insurance line to cover the increased premium costs for their employees. The budget amendments before the Board tonight transfers additional funds that will cover some of the outstanding balances but the County will still need to transfer approximately \$125,256.00 at a later date. County Manager Hughes and Gary Groce are monitoring the budget and looking for lines that funds can be transferred out of to cover that \$125,256.00. The claims that have come in for the last month or so are back down so that is a relief. The following budget amendments were reviewed by the Board:

Finance Budget Amendment

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	New Budget
Tax Reval – Gas/Diesel	1054145-52350	3,800	(1,782)	2,018
Public Buildings – Gas/Diesel	1054260-52350	3,000	(1,339)	1,661
Fire Marshall – Gas/Diesel	1054340-52350	3,750	(1,154)	2,596
Building Inspec – Gas/Diesel	1054350-52350	5,000	(991)	4,009
Soil/Water – Gas/Diesel	1054960-52350	6,500	(2,419)	4,081
Planning – Gas/Diesel	1054910-52350	700	(209)	491
Animal Shelter – Gas/Diesel	1054380-51350	5,259	(500)	4,759
Health Admin – Gas/Diesel	1055110-52350	1,700	(100)	1,600
Environ Health – Gas/Diesel	1055180-52350	7,200	(200)	7,000
Social Services – Gas/Diesel	1055300-52350	22,000	(2,000)	20,000
Bldg Insp – Group Insurance	1054350-51350	41,665	6,990	48,655
Sheriff – Group Insurance	1054310-51350	481,310	3,704	485,014
Tax – Service Fees & Charges	1054140-52025	130,800	(40,000)	90,800
Tax – Postage	1054140-54250	35,000	(5,000)	30,000
LEO Separation Allowance	1054321-51120	84,600	(7,980)	76,620
Comm. - Salaries & Wages	1054311-51010	426,131	(20,000)	406,131
Sheriff – Travel/Training	1054310-54010	18,357	(3,000)	15,357
Sheriff – Uniforms	1054310-52060	25,091	(3,000)	22,091
Sheriff Departmental Supp.	1054310-52014	13,000	(3,000)	10,000
Communications – 401K	1054311-51360	4,561	(2,000)	2,561
Detention – Salaries & Wages	1054320-51010	673,291	(2,960)	670,331

Detention – 401K	1054320-51360	9,153	(3,000)	6,153
Detention – Supplies & Materials	1054320-52010	2,000	(500)	1,500
Detention – Uniforms	1054320-52060	8,000	(1,000)	7,000
Detention – Bldg/Grnds Maint	1054320-53010	5,000	(1,000)	4,000
Detention – Utilities	1054320-54300	57,700	(2,000)	55,700
Sheriff – Group Insurance	1054310-51350	485,104	67,901	553,005
Comm – Group Insurance	1054311-51350	132,300	26,539	158,839
Public Bldg – Janitorial Supp	1054260-52015	11,000	(2,201)	8,799
Public Bldg – Group Insurance	1054260-51350	37,249	2,201	39,450

Finance Budget Amendment

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	New Budget
Employer Insurance Premiums	8844120-48940	3,132,820	107,335	3,240,155
BCBS Insurance Claims	8854120-51390	2,708,472	107,335	2,815,807

Commissioner Hemric made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Vice Chairman Moxley second.
Vote: 3/0.

CALENDAR NOTES

- 1) April 29, 2015 – Spring Employee Cookout from 11:00am to 2:00pm at Yadkin Memorial Park.
- 2) May 1, 2015 – Flag Pole Dedication at Memorial Park at 11:00am. Immediately after the Flag Pole Dedication will be the Dedication of the George Holmes Shelter at the Memorial Park.
- 3) May 6, 2015 – County Assembly Day.
- 4) May 18, 2015 – Social with Library Board at 5:30pm at The Front Yard.
- 5) May 25, 2015 – County Offices Closed for Memorial Day.

MANAGER'S REPORTS/BOARD ACTION

Animal Shelter Refund

County Manager Hughes approved a refund of \$55.00. An animal was adopted and the \$100.00 adoption fee was paid. The animal was found to have already been spayed so the portion of the adoption fee used to cover spay/neuter was refunded.

Hospital Lease Proposals

On Thursday afternoon County Manager Hughes received an email letter from Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital asking that their proposal be withdrawn from consideration. She read the letter to those present. Earlier this afternoon, she received an email letter from Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center asking that their proposal be withdrawn from consideration. She read the letter to those present. The County only received three proposals. Community Hospital Corporation of Plano, Texas is still in the due diligence process with HMC.

MANAGER'S BUDGET AMENDMENTS & CONTRACTS / NO ACTION REQUIRED

Communications International Contract

Communications International will provide radio maintenance services on the County's legacy equipment until the completion and final acceptance of the new radio system.

BOARD VACANCIES/APPOINTMENTS

Joint Nursing Home and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

There are four vacancies on the Joint Nursing Home and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee.

Human Services Advisory Committee

There is a vacancy for a dentist on the Human Services Advisory Committee.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Moxley thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He gave a special thank you to the students who led the Pledge of Allegiance. He is proud that Yadkin County is a StormReady accredited county. He appreciated all the hard work that EMS has done. It was a great group effort. Late last week he attended the Yadkin Shore River Access Dedication. The land for the access point came from Henry Shore so it is named after him and his family. It has been used as an access point since the 1980's and has had upgrades made to it. It is a really nice and beautiful access point for anyone who is going to be going on the river.

Commissioner Hemric thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He appreciated the work EMS did for getting the StormReady accreditation. He thanked the students for leading the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked the two people who spoke during Public Comments.

Chairman Austin thanked the students who led the Pledge of Allegiance. It takes a lot of courage to stand in front of a group of adults and lead the Pledge. He admires the students for doing it. He thanked EMS for their work on StormReady accreditation. He congratulated Chris Bolden on his degree. The Hospital news was shocking. He was taken aback by it. He thought the Baptist letter was fairly detailed in their concerns. He read the following portion of their letter: "We remain concerned that the process has a number of complex dynamics, incomplete information and uncontrollable factors that make it difficult to proceed." The County is hoping to get some help in regards to some of those matters. He is a little disgusted that the County has not been able to have an open and clean negotiation of the transfer of the Hospital. The Board remains committed to the health and safety of the citizens and they are going to do everything they possibly can to ensure that that's taken care of.

Chairman Austin made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (1)(3)(4)(5)(6) to discuss Personnel Matters and to Protect Personnel Information that is Confidential under NCGS 153A-98, and to discuss the potential Location or Expansion of Industries or other Businesses in the County, to Establish the County's Negotiating Position for Acquiring Real Property and to Instruct the County Staff on that Position, and to have a Privileged Consultation with our County Attorney. Vice Chairman Moxley second.

Vote: 3/0.

After a motion to come out of Closed Session was made and the Board was in Open Session, **Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to create a Parks & Recreation Assistant position, pay grade 62, and authorize the County Manager to advertise the position. Commissioner Hemric second.**

Vote: 3/0.

Commissioner Hemric made a motion to offer the Environmental Health Program Specialist candidate a salary of \$50,000.00 per year and require him to complete his on-site authorization within two years of his hire date. Vice Chairman Moxley second.

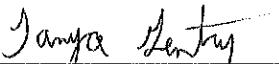
Vote: 3/0.

Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to create a Deputy Human Services Director position, pay grade 78, with a salary range of \$57,688.00 to \$86,532.00 and transfer employee # 61085 to that position. Commissioner Hemric second.

Vote: 3/0.

Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hemric second.

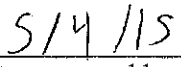
Vote: 3/0.



Prepared by Tanya Gentry
Clerk to the Board



Kevin Austin, Chairman
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners



Date approved by the
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners